

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract in the sum of \$7,458.00. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which The Royal Indemnity Company appears as surety in the sum of \$12,800.00, sufficient to cover the amount of the bid.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved and notice to bidders was waived by the controlling board. That informal bids were invited and the bids submitted by The Burnip Construction Company were the only bids received. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT, DEED AND PARTIAL ABSTRACT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF 8 8/10 ACRES OF LAND, FORT AMANDA, AUGLAIZE
COUNTY, OWNED BY THE STATE.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 30, 1923.

HON. LEON C. HERRICK, *Director, Department of Highways and Public Works,*
Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval contract, deed and partial abstract for the purchase of 8 8/10 acres of land, more or less, adjoining the premises now owned by the state at Fort Amanda in the township of Logan, County of Auglaize and State of Ohio.

From evidence submitted before me it appears that the Attorney General approved the title to the premises purchased for the Archaeological and Historical Society in 1914. That the present tract of land is out of the same tract which the original abstract covered. From the supplement submitted it is believed that good title is shown to be in the name of Clarence Lathrop, free from encumbrances. The deed has been examined and it is believed to be sufficient to convey the interests of the said Clarence Lathrop and wife to the state. Under the terms of the contract it will be necessary for the grantor to pay the taxes for the year 1922 and the State will be required to pay the taxes for the year 1923, which are now a lien upon the premises.

The deed, contract and all other data submitted in connection herewith are being returned.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney-General.